CLAIMS

I claim:

1. A multilength tubular transporter, comprising:

(a) a base frame, including at least two main beams, wherein said main beams are connected by a plurality of cross members;

(b) a floor substantially covering the areas defined by said main beams and said cross members;

(c) a plurality of substantially vertical guide members connected to each of said main beams;

(d) means operatively connected to said base frame for enabling said transporter to be lifted to and from a vehicle;

(e) means operatively connected to said base frame for engaging said guide members of a second said transporter, wherein said transporters may be securely stacked; and

(f) wherein said base frame includes winching means for securing said tubulars within said transporter.

2. The transporter of claim 1, wherein said means for enabling said transporter to be lifted comprises a plurality of apertures formed in gussets connected to said guide members.

3. The transporter of claim 1, wherein said means for enabling said transporter to be lifted comprises at least two of said cross members being constructed in the form of a tube shaped and dimensioned to permit the insertion of a fork of a forklift.

4. The transporter of claim 1, wherein said main beams are constructed from I-beams having upper and lower flanges.

5. The transporter of claim 1, wherein said cross members are constructed from I-beams.

6. The transporter of claim 1, wherein said main beams each include a plurality of stacking sockets aligned with and formed to receive guide members of said second transporter, and wherein each of said guide members includes a tapered cap shaped and dimensioned to enable insertion of said guide members into said stacking sockets.

7. The transporter of claim 1, wherein said guide members are constructed from rectangular tubing.

8. The transporter of claim 1, wherein each of said guide members includes channel means for receiving divider members between stacks of said tubulars.

9. The transporter of claim 1, further including a plurality of side support pads connected to said guide members, wherein said side support pads are constructed of a material that minimizes deformation to tubulars carried within said transporter.

10. The transporter of claim 1, wherein said floor comprises a plurality of wooden planks attached to said cross members.

11. The transporter of claim 9, wherein said side support pads are constructed from an elastomeric material.

12. The transporter of claim 1, wherein said winching means for securing said tubulars comprises one or more winches positioned on one of said main beams, said winch including a strap connectable to a location on the other said main beam.

13. The transporter of claim 12, wherein said strap includes a hook connectable to a bracket on one of said main beams.

14. The transporter of claim 4, wherein said I-beams are reinforced with a plurality of gussets extending between said upper and lower flanges.

15. The transporter of claim 1, wherein said transporter is constructed substantially of steel and in a manner to impart a maximum level of rigidity to said transporter.

16. The transporter of claim 1, wherein the length, width and height of said transporter are sized to permit placement of said transporter onto a conventional flatbed trailer.

17. The transporter of claim 1, wherein the maximum length of said transporter does not exceed thirty feet.

18. The transporter of claim 1, wherein said winching means comprises a winching assembly mounted underneath an inverted U-shaped bracket attached to one of said main beams.